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CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate, on Friday, Mr. Graham, of N. C., introduced the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire what legislation is necessary to atone to be made, the enumeration of the people of the several Confederate States according to the requirement of the Constitution, article 1, section 2, clause 3.

On motion of Mr. S., the Committee on Military Affairs was discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of Gen. Order No. 77, revoking the details of all men between 18 and 45.

Mr. Orr introduced the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate how many officers of the Confederate States have been tried under the acts of Congress "to punish drunkenness in the army," and how many convictions have been had on such trials.

In the House, on Friday, Mr. Goode, of Va., offered a resolution that a special committee be appointed to inquire what additional legislation is necessary to correct the abuse existing in the present system of conscription. Adopted.

Mr. J. T. Leach of North Carolina offered the following—

JOINT RESOLUTION IN PAPER OF LIBERTY.

Whereas, the unfriendly, unjustifiable and unpatriotic interference of citizens of the non slave-holding States in their popular assemblies, from the pulpit and by legislative enactments, with the reserved right of the States, provided in the Constitution of the United States and by the laws of Congress, has been the prolific cause of a cruel, bloody, and relentless war that has no parallel in point of atrocity in the annals of the world between a people professing the Christian religion;

And whereas, the citizens of the slave States, at an unguarded moment, under the influence of alarm to counsel, without mature deliberation as to the fearful consequences, made the election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency of the United States the occasion for precipitating the Confederate States out of the Union, which has been followed by a train of fearful consequences not contemplated by those who advocated the measure. And

And whereas, we the Representatives of the people of the Confederate States, desiring to place ourselves fairly before our constituents, our enemies and the civilized world, declare that it is our earnest desire that proper measures should be adopted by the respective governments to secure an honorable, just and permanent peace, not incompatible with the principles as laid down in the Constitution of the United States, nor with the inalienable rights of freemen.

Resolved, That the reserved rights of the States should be guarded with watchful and jealous vigilance, and that any attempt to infringe upon those rights should be resisted by all lawful and proper means.

Resolved, That whenever the Government of the United States shall signify its willingness to recognize the reserved rights of the States and guarantee to the citizens of the States their rights of property, as provided in the Constitution of the United States and the laws of Congress; to the end that peace may be restored and our future happiness and prosperity perpetuated, we will agree to treat for peace, and that such terms of peace as may be agreed to by Commissioners appointed by the respective governments, or by the States acting in their sovereign and independent character, and ratified by a majority of the people, shall constitute the bond of peace between the North and the South.

Mr. Leach said:

Mr. Speaker: The resolutions that I hold in my hand, and that I propose to read, by the permission of the Chair, are not intended as an apple of discord in our midst. I trust, sir, that they may not produce discord in our midst. All I ask is, that they may have a calm, careful, unprejudiced hearing.

We do not offer them inadvisedly. I have consulted my friends as to the propriety of introducing them, as well as the proper time and circumstances. There is a different opinion as to the propriety of time and circumstances.

I do not offer them for the purpose of strengthening the arm of the enemy. That has been effectually done by the President in his speech in in Macon, Ga., and more effectually strengthened by the governors of the Confederate States and the President, when they recommended the use of negroes as soldiers in the Confederate army. I do not offer them for the purpose of discouraging our heroic soldiers, who have braved the leaden hail of death upon the bloody battlefield. I believe it will arouse them to know that they are fighting for something more dear to them than the negro.

I offer them because I believe there is something practical in them. I offer them because I am satisfied that my constituents, both citizens and soldiers, desire an honorable peace. I offer them because I am satisfied that the prayers of Christians, statesman and patriots have been poured out for peace, and that the great heart of the nation is pulsating for peace. I offer them because I know that war is a relentless, cruel, blind monster, killing where he cannot make alive, and reaping where he has not sown.

[Mr. Leach desires to be understood as not including the "border States" in his resolutions, the ordnances of secession having been adopted in the "Cotton States" long before the "border States" went out. The latter acted under the pressure of circumstances over which they had no control.]

Mr. Montague, of Va., said he did not resign saying anything when he entered the hall to-day, but he was unwilling to let the resolutions of the gentleman from North Carolina pass without action. He reviewed them eloquently and forcibly, and moved that they be rejected.

Numerous gentlemen called the question.

Mr. Leach asked that the vote be taken by yeas and nays, and the House seemed to rise simultaneously to sustain the call.

The roll being called all the members voted in the affirmative except Messrs. Fuller, J. M. Leach, J. T. Leach, Logan, Ramsey and Turner—all of North Carolina.

Messrs. Fuller, Ramsey and J. M. Leach, after the vote was announced, asked leave to change their votes, as they had voted in the negative under the apprehension that it would be regarded as a discourtesy to an honorable colleague.

Their votes were, with the consent of the House, recorded in the affirmative.

Mr. J. M. Leach states that he knew there was no member on the floor from North Carolina who desired peace upon any other terms than eternal separation from the North.

[Applause in the galleries, which was checked by the Chair.]

On motion of Mr. Russell the House went into secret session.

The doors being opened, the House adjourned.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FOR THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

Entered according to act of Congress, in the year 1861, by J. S. Thrasher, in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the Confederate States of the Northern District of Georgia.

From Petersburg

Petersburg, Nov. 27.—Scouts and deserters report considerable activity on the part of the enemy as if preparing for a move on our right.

It is reported here that Rosecrans has succeeded Meade in command of the Army of the Potomac.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

Petersburg, Nov. 28—Roger A. Pryor, now a private in the cavalry, was captured yesterday whilst exchanging papers. It is alleged that the enemy acted treacherously.

All very quiet.

No signs to-day of active operations on the part of the enemy.

The London Times on the Seizure of the Florida.

Richmond, Nov. 28.—The London "Times" of the 8th devotes a leader to the seizure of the *Florida* in the Harbor of Bahia. It says the indignation of the Brasilians at this gross insult to neutral hospitality is described as intense. The exequatur of the United States Consul was at once withdrawn by the Governor and the arms of the Consulate torn down by the people.

The great body of merchants at Bahia at once signed a document emphatically denouncing the seizure as an open defiance on international law and forwarded a remonstance to the New York Chamber of Commerce with a request to investigate the matter before adjudging to the captors the reward of five hundred thousand dollars for the sake of which this outrage believed to have been committed.

The "Times" presumes the government of the United States will repudiate the nefarious act, but fears some of Mr. Barnum's countrymen will chuckle over the shameless audacity.

From Richmond.

Richmond, Nov. 28.—A Washington telegram in the Philadelphia "Inquirer," 26th, says several European powers have communicated to our government their disapproval of our seizure of the Florida, and have been politely informed that they need not have troubled themselves about it as the Administration never attempted to justify it.

Congressional.

Richmond, Nov. 28.—The Senate adopted House joint resolution of thanks to Gen. Forrest and command for recent victories.

Various bills and resolutions were introduced.

In the House the subject of impressment was referred to a special committee of one from each State.

Mr. Foote submitted a resolution affirming that the government and people of the Confederate States have a deep interest in the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine, but if recognition by the United States be longer delayed it might become our true policy to consent to yield the great principle embraced in the Monroe doctrine.

The House then resolved into secret session.

Later from the North.

Richmond, Nov. 28.—Northern papers of the 26th received.

They contain nothing from Sherman except the accounts copied from Georgia papers.

The Louisville "Journal" reiterates its statement, that Hood's army occupies Waynesboro, Tenn. Thomas' army is at Pulaski.

Attorney General Bates has resigned. Preconcerted attempt was made on Friday night to burn all the principal Hotels in New York. Barnum's Museum was also fired. The fires were soon suppressed. A destructive fire occurred at Newbern, N. C., on the 19th, Gold 219.

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Chatham—E H Straughn.
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Caswell—William Long.
Rockingham—D W Courts.
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Cabarrus and Stanly—Dr J C McEachern.
Rowan and Davie—W B March.
Davidson—Henderson Adams.
Stokes and Forsyth—J E Matthews.
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Burke, McDowell, &c—S F Patterson.
Lincoln, Gaston and Catawba—M L McCorkle.
Rutherford, Polk, &c—Dr W J T Miller.
Buncombe, Henderson, &c—M Patton.
Macon, Haywood, &c—S C Bryson.

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July 2-d&wtf

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Sept 30-tf

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Fayetteville, " " " "		9 A M
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Summerville, Wednesdays at		5 P M
Lenoxburg, " at		12 M
Roxboro', " at		12 M
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Northern, via R & G R R, at		9 A M
" " NORTH, at		9 P M
Western, " " at		9 P M
Augusta, " " at		9 P M
Fayetteville, at	12 ½	P M
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L. F. BATES,
Nov 25d-3w Assistant Sup't.

COMMITTED TO JAIL.

A RUNAWAY BOY BY THE NAME OF BOB, dark color, about 4 feet 6 inches high, weighs about 100 pounds, was taken up and committed to the jail of Wake county on the 21st inst. Said boy claims to belong to Robert Richardson, near Greensboro', N. C.

The owner will please call, prove property, pay charges and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law.

W. H. HIGH, Sheriff.

Nov 24-4t

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Nov 21-d3w&wtd

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Oct 31-d&wlm Surgeon General N. C.

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Nov 29-2t

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DAILY PROGRESS.

TUESDAY, NOV. 29, 1864.

WATCH FOR THE GROSS BACK.

We have called from Hanover C. Leach, yesterday morning, who, we regret to learn, has been called home on account of the severe illness of his wife. By reference to the Congressional summary, which he give elsewhere, it will be seen that, on Friday last, Mr. Leach offered peace resolutions which caused some debate and created some little excitement. We are glad to see that the honorable gentleman is doubtless doing his duty to his constituents, and that he is making zealous efforts for peace. We have no idea that the few Conservatives in the body will be able to accomplish anything, for we are assured that the majority, unable or unwilling to grapple with the great questions that are before them and save the country from the despotism and ruin that threatens it, are disposed to yield to all the monstrous propositions of the Executive for unlimited power, and thus fasten the yoke of tyranny upon the people.

We regret that Mr. Leach is compelled to be absent from his post at this time, when great questions are before the House, and we trust that the condition of his family may improve so that he can soon return. We shall recur to his Resolutions again.

Legislative Summary.

E. D. Hall, Esq., elected to fill the vacancy in the Senate for the county of New Hanover, was qualified and took his seat yesterday.

Mr. Pool's resolutions on the subject of peace were referred to a joint select committee, consisting of Messrs. Pool and Ellis on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Caldwell, Brown of Mecklenburg, and Cowles on the part of the House. Several bills and resolutions were introduced, and several were read a 2d or 3d time, for which our proceedings. Mr. Wooten introduced an important resolution which we set forth in full in our Senate proceedings. A joint select committee was appointed on the subject of the public printing. The two Houses were in session but a short time, the committees not yet having had time to prepare work for the action of their respective bodies.

The State Printing.

We observe that the Legislature, on the motion of Mr. Odom, of Northampton, has raised a Joint Committee on the Public Printing. We presume the object is largely to increase the price now paid for the public printing, as we see the new printer is offering two dollars per thousand for composition, when the former printer received only one dollar per thousand. We should raise no objection to paying the State printer a fair price for his labor, provided justice is done to the former printer. We learn, on good authority, that he has not only not made anything by his labor, but that he has lost thousands of dollars on the Public Work. Pay the new printer what is just and right, but do not let party prejudice or personal feeling prevent the Legislature from doing justice to the former printer.

Having commenced the session of eleven days trust the Legislature will go ahead and get all the patronage at its disposal in hankering, and then the other and equally important work of the session can go on without that discord and want of harmony which must be experienced until the offices are disposed of.

We are glad to learn, in this connection, that it is pretty well agreed that Hon. B. G. Reade is to be elected to succeed Mr. Dortch in the Senate of the Confederate States. Mr. Reade is certainly the choice of the people, and if the members of the Legislature desire to reflect the sentiments of those from whom all power is derived they will not hesitate a moment. Mr. Reade is our first, last and only choice.

The difficulty between Messrs. Foote and Swan, members of Congress from Tennessee, has been honorably adjusted by their colleagues. Nothing is said about John Mitchell, and there may yet be a meeting between Foote and the leader Editor of the Examiner.

VIRGINIA.

We received Petersburg and Richmond papers of Friday and Saturday by yesterday's mail, but they contained but little news. The Express thinks Grant is preparing for some kind of a demonstration in front of that city. That paper of Saturday says:

There was some activity manifested along the lines of our right yesterday, and during the morning some skirmishing occurred, but nothing was developed and nothing was accomplished. It is evident that the enemy is threatening some move in that quarter, and is endeavoring to feel his way. He can make no movement, however, but what he will find himself closely watched, and full preparations made to meet and check it.

Intelligent scouts who left Grant's lines day before yesterday, report that he is gradually moving his troops towards our right. The weather has become beautiful and the roads are not so bad now that military operations cannot be renewed. The probability is, therefore, that Grant will yet make the attempt on our right, which the late rains temporarily frustrated. His sudden return to the army from the North, is not without significance. He wishes to discover with his own eyes, whether Petersburg is being evacuated or not, and whether General Lee has detached a large portion of his army to head off Sherman, in his grand dash through Georgia. He will most probably make a reconnoissance in force to ascertain this fact.

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Disgusted with the success of this, our first flank movement, we moved on to Eatonton to prepare for another, which, as the sequel will show, was a brilliant success. We found Eatonton agitated. The streets were thronged with horsemen, some moving out to look for the enemy, and some prudently moving the other way. The windows and piazzas were lined with ladies and children—many of the former and all the latter very pretty—and all dreading the advent of the vile vandals whose despicable character is best illustrated in the fact that they are the terror of the helpless and pure. A village waiting for the Yankees, is a picture worthy a Hogarth. Leaving our baggage, we took a hasty dinner, determined to keep the road to Madison, until our pickets should notify us of the approach of the Yankees. About three o'clock a scout came dashing down the road at a Gilpin speed, crying "to the woods"—"to the woods," and we wooded. Waiting several hours in the rain, under a rail pen improvised for the occasion, we determined to go out on the road and see what was going on. We had not travelled a hundred yards, before a party of cerulean clad equestrians came dashing up, and in a very polite and insinuating manner briefly requested us to halt.—The request was accompanied with most significant cocking of carbines and pistols, which, brought to a horizontal attitude in one's front are very persuasive, especially to an unarmed civilian—and we halted. After a brief and hurried talk, in which we were questioned very closely about the country, troops in the vicinity, &c., they drove on. We gathered from their actions that they were the advance guard of the [illegible] that other [illegible] other [illegible] motley [illegible] resolved [illegible] until they should pass. We therefore [illegible] to our pen, and staid until morning. We then proceeded through the woods, within hearing distance of the road. Late on Sunday their main column [illegible] it very difficult to avoid them. They traversed through the fields about [illegible] ing indiscriminately, until late in the night. We were more in dread of being [illegible] whackers, than we had of being [illegible] and probably should have kept the road, but we now had no choice but to avoid them if possible. Their wagons were rumbling along the Monticello road on our left, and on the Milledgeville on the right, while they swarmed in the space between. We could hear them talk, and hear their caps explode, as they passed within a few feet of us. The night was intensely cold, wet and dark, save when the distant glare of a burning house lighted up the horizon. Their main columns were passing from about two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, until about one o'clock at night. The next day they were passing during the morning, and we continued in the woods. This was our third day out, during which time it had rained continually, and we had subsisted on parched corn.

On Tuesday morning we determined to take the road and push on. Going to Mr. Crozier's place we found his fine house in ashes and his gin house burned, and every horse and mule gone. In his lot were about one hundred horses lying dead. They looked like good stock and were evidently killed to deprive planters of them. A number of Mr. Crozier's negroes were gone. Proceeding on, we found every plantation on the road similarly devastated, except that no other dwelling houses were burned until we reached the fine farm of Hon. Joshua Hill. This is a perfect wreck. A large gin house full of cotton, corn cribs, dwelling—all a smouldering ruin. His loss was greater than that of any planter in this section. Besides the cotton, several thousand bushels of corn, potatoes, several hundred bushels of wheat, and much other valuable property, fifty every horse and mule and many negroes, are gone. No farm on the road to this place, and as far as we can hear towards Atlanta escaped their brutal ravages. They ravaged the country below here to the Oconee river. The roads were strewn with the debris of their progress. Dead horses, cows, sheep, hogs, chickens, corn, wheat, cotton, books, paper, broken vehicles, coffee mills, and fragments of nearly every species of property that adorned the beautiful farms of this county, strew the wayside, monuments of the meanness, rapacity of the people who boast that they are not robbers and do not interfere with private property.

In Madison, they burned the depot and one of two old warehouses, with the jail and market house. They gutted every store, and plundered more or less on every lot. They fired the drug store and several other houses, and their officers, with a show of magnanimity, aided to put out the flames. Many families have not a pound of meat, or a peck of meal or flour. Many negroes were enticed away from homes of comfort to share the uncertain fortunes of a winter march to the coast, and then—freedom to starve. Families of wealth have not a house servant left; and those who were the most trusted were often the first to leave.

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Those citizens who remained at home, and watched their premises, lost little save horses, food and stock. Those who, from any cause, chanced to be away lost all. A lady on the Eatonton road, whose father is in the army, feeling afraid to stay at home, went to the house of a neighbor and on returning found every plate broken, every knife and fork and spoon gone, and her own clothes stripped to shreds and scattered about the lot.

No definite estimate can be formed of the plans or future movements of the enemy, or of their numbers. Those who passed through here were said to consist of Slocum's corps, under command of Gen. Williams, and were estimated at 8,000 to 10,000. They were chiefly infantry, with three batteries of artillery. They had quite a large wagon train with pontoon bridges. They boasted that they were now wiping us out effectually; that they would destroy Macon, Augusta and Savannah, and then go into South Carolina and end the war at Charleston. They evidently went through Milledgeville, and their other column has doubtless by this time reached Macon. From all that I can learn they left Atlanta with four corps, of about 35,000 men, about half of whom are dismounted men, who have no stomach for the war. They are being captured in the vicinity continually. Several have come in to-day, who have been lying in the woods until their rear guard left, in order to desert.

By the time they reach the barren pine belt below Milledgeville, they will find Georgia a hard road to travel, and if we can confront them with a small force, and harrass their flanks vigorously, they will meet few ships to greet them when they reach the coast. It is a desperate game, and in this fertile belt they can play it successfully, but the swamps will be fatal to them. They have unquestionably caused much suffering, and to-night families who had an abundance last week, have scarcely a day's subsistence. The greatest inconvenience is horses. There is plenty in the country yet, but there is no horses to haut it. Our citizens are in distress also for wood for the same reason.

I fear I have been a little prolix. The theme is a suggestive one. I could fill your paper with facts and incidents connected with the reign of terror that marked the Federal visit here. They came in on Friday and left on Saturday. They evidently intend to visit Augusta, and will reach there soon. Are you ready to receive them?

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